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DEA HQS FOR ENOA  
STAFFDEL BARTON/RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, CO  
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BARTON/RICHARDSON, PROPOSED PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 197263; (B) BOGOTA 7787 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION BELIEVES THAT FOR BEST UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS  
CONFRONTING NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND DEA IN COLOMBIA, VISIT TO  
NORTHERN COAST AND LA GUAJIRA WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR STAFFDEL.  
HOWEVER, ONLY PRACTICAL MEANS TO DO THIS IS BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT  
WITH EXPENSE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 FOR TWO-DAY TRIP. STAFFDEL  
IS REQUESTED TO INFORM EMBASSY SOONEST IF IT DESIRES SUCH TRIP  
AND IF EXPENSE CAN BE COVERED BY STAFFDEL'S TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION.  
MISSION DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR AIRCRAFT CHARTER. IN  
EVENT STAFFDEL ELECTS GUAJIRA VISIT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS TRAVEL  
TAKE PLACE SEPT 5-6 AND THAT PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS IN FOLLOWING  
PROGRAM BAE COMPRESSED INTO PERIOD OF SEPT. 7-8. MISSION  
BELIEVES THIS COULD BE DONE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENT  
TO POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM APPOINTMENTS.

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2. PROPOSED PROGRAM (BARTON)

SEPT. 4 - ARRIVE BOGOTA. TO BE MET AT AIRPORT BY CONTROL  
OFFICERS AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO LEE RESIDENCE FOR CASUAL DINNER  
AND SMALL BRIEFING PRIOR TO CHECKING IN AT HOTEL.

SEPT. 5 - 0900 - DEA BRIEFING

1000 - MEETING WITH DR. JAIME RIVAS, EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

1430 - MEETING AT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WITH DEPUTY AG RODOLFO GARCIA, AND OTHER OFFICERS WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH DEA AND/OR INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR NEW JUDICIAL  
POLICE.

SEPT. 6 - 0930 - MEETING WITH CHARGE

1000 - COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING

1430 - MEETING WITH COMMANDING GENERAL NATIONAL  
POLICE, GENERAL VALDERRAMA, AND CHIEF OF F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT,  
CAPT. HERNANDEZ.

SEPT. 7 - 1000 - MEETING WITH JAIME ESLAVA, CHIEF OF RURAL  
DAS AND CHIEF OF DAS NARCOTICS UNIT, MARIO ALFARO

1430 - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS  
GUILLERMO FRANCO AND ACTING CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS RAUL JANER

SEPT. 8 - 0900 - CONSULTATIONS WITH DEA (SAIC DAVID  
BURNETT EXPECTS TO HAVE RETURNED FROM US BY THAT DATE)

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AFTERNOON FREE

EVENING - RECEPTION FOR COLOMBIAN PRISON OFFICIALS  
AND JUDGES HOSTED BY CONSUL GENERAL RICHARD MOREFIELD.

SEPT. 9 - 0815 DEPART BOGOTA

3. PROPOSED PROGRAM (RICHARDSON)

SEPT. 4 - SAME AS BARTON

SEPT. 5 - SAME AS BARTON

SEPT. 6 - 0930 - MEETING WITH CHARGE

1000 - COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING

AFTERNOON - VISIT TO BUEN PASTOR PRISON

SEPT. 7 - MORNING - VISIT TO PICOTA PRISON

1430 - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF

CUSTOMS GUILLERMO FRANCO AND ACTING CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS  
RAUL JANER.

SEPT. 8 - MORNING - ATTEND THELAN HEARING. (THELAN IS  
US CITIZEN JAILED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE MORE THAN TWO YEARS  
WITHOUT JUDGMENT BEING REACHED IN TRIAL.)

AFTERNOON FREE.

EVENING - RECEPTION FOR COLOMBIAN PRISON  
OFFICIALS AND JUDGES HOSTED BY CONSUL GENERAL RICHARD MOREFIELD.

SEPT. 9 - SAME AS BARTON

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: STAFFDEL'S COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE TRAVEL  
AND ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM ARE REQUESTED SOONEST AS WILL APPOINT-  
MENTS MUST BE CONFIRMED. PLEASE ADVISE IF STAFFDEL HAS  
SUFFICIENT COMMAND OF SPANISH FOR MEETINGS WITH GOC OFFICIALS  
TO BE IN THAT LANGUAGE OR IF INTERPRETERS WILL BE NEEDED.  
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